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USING A PORTABLE DATA SUPPORT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE EXAMINATION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper accompanies documents submitted to initiate national stage processing of the above-identified international patent application.

No amendments to the claims were made during international processing of the application.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before calculation of the filing fee and examination of the application, please amend the claims as shown in the following LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS, which indicates the status of all the claims in the application and all amendments to the claims. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves all rights to the original disclosed and claimed subject matter. None of the amendments are intended to narrow the scope of any of the original claims.